

# STATISTICAL SECTION



**REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING BY SOURCE  
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES BY FUNCTION - PRIMARY GOVERNMENT  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS  
(GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES ONLY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001-02)  
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

(DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)

	2001-02	2000-01	1999-00	1998-99
<b>REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:</b>				
Taxes	\$ 6,499	\$ 7,501	\$ 7,058	\$ 6,443
Less: Excess TABOR Revenues	-	(927)	(941)	(680)
Licenses, Permits, and Fines	504	534	505	422
Charges for Goods and Services	99	109	117	181
Investment Income	240	314	244	233
Federal Grants and Contracts	3,104	2,809	2,673	2,473
Other	299	308	220	179
Bond Proceeds and Other Financing Sources	238	540	540	3
Transfers-In	3,987	676	469	772
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES</b>	<b>14,970</b>	<b>11,864</b>	<b>10,885</b>	<b>10,026</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES BY FUNCTION:</b>				
Current:				
General Government	238	224	216	208
Business, Community and Consumer Affairs	277	426	391	368
Education	122	112	74	71
Health and Rehabilitation	453	467	434	413
Justice	924	851	776	694
Natural Resources	82	137	130	123
Social Assistance	2,619	2,367	2,152	1,992
Transportation	1,127	1,069	958	877
Capital Outlay	276	185	223	253
Intergovernmental:				
Cities	209	196	192	191
Counties	1,229	1,162	1,074	1,011
School Districts	2,689	2,389	2,257	2,158
Other	158	146	141	138
Deferred Compensation Distributions	-	18	17	15
Debt Service	85	54	5	23
Other	10	-	-	-
Transfers-Out:				
Higher Education	743	907	898	778
Other	3,879	655	391	712
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</b>	<b>15,120</b>	<b>11,365</b>	<b>10,329</b>	<b>10,025</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</b>	<b>(150)</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>1</b>
Prior Period Adjustments	(510)	21	8	285
<b>FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30</b>	<b>\$ 3,383</b>	<b>\$ 4,043</b>	<b>\$ 3,523</b>	<b>\$ 2,959</b>

Note: Significant changes in the content of this schedule occurred between Fiscal Year 2000-01 and 2001-02. The change occurred because of the new fund classifications prescribed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34 and related statements. The primary changes were the exclusion of the Unemployment Insurance Fund and the Deferred Compensation Plan (Expendable Trust Funds that converted to Enterprise and Private Purpose Trust Funds respectively) and the inclusion of the State Lands Fund (a Nonexpendable Trust Fund that converted to a Permanent Fund). As a result of these changes, the prior period adjustment shown for Fiscal Year 2001-02 does not agree to the Fiscal Year 2001-02 financial statements where beginning balances were restated for the conversion. In addition, the amount reported as transfers increased significantly because many transfers that previously occurred within the General Fund are now reported as transfers between funds.

1997-98	1996-97	1995-96	1994-95	1993-94	1992-93
\$ 5,995	\$ 5,265	\$ 4,841	\$ 4,549	\$ 4,177	\$ 3,837
(563)	(139)	-	-	-	-
418	388	358	301	289	263
183	189	171	179	343	450
223	198	170	130	104	137
2,225	2,128	2,133	2,048	2,121	2,022
151	127	111	126	112	57
1	24	7	-	-	108
513	582	500	450	369	243
9,146	8,762	8,291	7,783	7,515	7,117
209	198	184	140	216	149
361	388	405	378	449	472
75	91	65	60	53	53
418	373	359	340	346	342
619	583	534	487	447	423
116	114	109	102	92	89
1,770	1,817	1,703	1,630	1,562	1,701
716	578	558	543	582	499
233	158	96	74	88	92
193	157	157	161	151	130
920	719	676	663	626	594
2,011	1,907	1,783	1,659	1,581	1,492
142	175	161	126	125	100
41	55	43	45	40	23
-	-	6	-	-	115
735	692	632	557	543	532
461	535	644	431	372	180
9,020	8,540	8,115	7,396	7,273	6,986
126	222	176	387	242	131
-	(2)	371	(20)	1	-
\$ 2,673	\$ 2,547	\$ 2,327	\$ 2,147	\$ 1,780	\$ 1,537

**GENERAL FUND  
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE  
IN DOLLARS AND AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL  
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

(DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)

	2001-02	2000-01	1999-00	1998-99
Income Tax:				
Individual	\$ 3,086	\$ 3,867	\$ 3,718	\$ 3,327
Less: Excess TABOR Revenues	-	(209)	(192)	(30)
Corporate	165	316	289	276
Net Income Tax	3,251	3,974	3,815	3,573
Sales, Use, and Excise Taxes	1,962	1,809	1,775	1,628
Less: Excess TABOR Revenues	-	(719)	(750)	(650)
Net Sales, Use, and Excise Taxes	1,962	1,090	1,025	978
Estate Taxes	73	83	60	67
Insurance Tax	155	142	129	118
Other Taxes	34	31	29	27
Interest	25	45	42	48
Medicaid Provider Revenues	11	-	7	73
Other	61	63	67	59
<b>TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 5,572</b>	<b>\$ 5,428</b>	<b>\$ 5,174</b>	<b>\$ 4,943</b>
Percent Change Over Previous Year	2.7%	4.9%	4.7%	5.6%

(AS PERCENT OF TOTAL EXCLUDING TABOR REFUND)

Net Income Tax	58.3%	65.8%	65.5%	64.0%
Sales, Use, and Excise Taxes	35.3	28.5	29.0	29.0
Estate Taxes	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.2
Insurance Tax	2.8	2.2	2.1	2.1
Other Taxes	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Interest	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.9
Medicaid Provider Revenues	0.2	0.0	0.1	1.3
Other	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0
<b>TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

1997-98	1996-97	1995-96	1994-95	1993-94	1992-93
\$ 3,052	\$ 2,573	\$ 2,318	\$ 2,106	\$ 1,920	\$ 1,760
-	-	-	-	-	-
263	237	206	191	147	139
3,315	2,810	2,524	2,297	2,067	1,899
1,485	1,521	1,415	1,316	1,208	1,079
(563)	(139)	-	-	-	-
922	1,382	1,415	1,316	1,208	1,079
109	35	32	28	34	20
114	112	110	105	102	92
21	20	18	17	20	25
52	41	37	29	18	8
73	80	69	127	205	259
75	60	64	77	71	61
\$ 4,681	\$ 4,540	\$ 4,269	\$ 3,996	\$ 3,725	\$ 3,443
3.1%	6.3%	6.8%	7.3%	8.2%	14.9%
63.2%	60.1%	59.1%	57.5%	55.5%	55.2%
28.3	32.5	33.2	32.9	32.4	31.3
2.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.6
2.2	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7
0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7
1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.2
1.4	1.7	1.6	3.2	5.5	7.5
1.4	1.3	1.5	2.0	2.0	1.8
100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT  
FUNDED BY GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUES  
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	2001-02	2000-01	1999-00	1998-99
Department:				
Administration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Agriculture	10,118	9,866	8,106	7,675
Corrections	443,334	417,677	381,669	338,715
Education	2,268,794	2,143,115	2,041,087	1,914,294
Governor	19,566	19,754	5,877	7,388
Health	-	-	-	-
Health Care Policy and Financing	1,076,838	1,028,785	951,827	891,319
Higher Education	739,556	747,332	715,933	676,449
Human Services	560,716	553,364	509,309	486,325
Institutions	-	-	-	-
Judicial Branch	214,619	205,341	194,420	180,282
Labor and Employment	-	-	-	-
Law	9,677	8,571	10,106	9,144
Legislative Branch	27,224	27,356	25,393	23,062
Local Affairs	10,361	10,525	37,758	29,958
Military Affairs	3,973	4,090	3,800	3,874
Natural Resources	24,434	28,893	28,863	26,864
Personnel and Administration	14,028	14,825	15,026	15,245
Public Health and Environment	31,790	33,496	23,731	22,596
Public Safety	56,597	56,616	49,492	43,910
Regulatory Agencies	1,914	1,975	1,919	1,730
Revenue	69,297	78,317	69,682	69,871
Social Services	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	1	203	239
Treasury	4,198	2,378	2,240	2,970
Transfer to Capital Construction Fund	25,564	285,255	175,154	470,179
Transfer to Controlled Maintenance Trust Fund	-	-	-	-
Transfer to the Highway Users Tax Fund	35,179	-	-	-
Other Transfers	68,325	61,894	66,588	56,992
	<u>\$ 5,716,102</u>	<u>\$ 5,739,426</u>	<u>\$ 5,318,183</u>	<u>\$ 5,279,081</u>

TOTALS

(AS PERCENT OF TOTAL)

Education	39.7%	37.3%	38.4%	36.3%
Health Care Policy and Financing	18.8	17.9	17.9	16.9
Higher Education	12.9	13.0	13.5	12.8
Human Services	9.8	9.6	9.6	9.2
Corrections	7.8	7.3	7.2	6.4
Transfer to Capital Construction Fund	0.4	5.0	3.3	8.9
Transfer to Controlled Maintenance Trust Fund	-	-	-	-
Judicial	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.4
Social Services	-	-	-	-
Institutions	-	-	-	-
Revenue	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.3
All Others	5.6	4.9	5.1	4.8
TOTALS	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

1997-98	1996-97	1995-96	1994-95	1993-94	1992-93
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,056	\$ 10,905	\$ 11,535
7,305	11,165	6,477	6,310	5,712	5,568
297,179	257,072	234,049	204,073	179,173	157,012
1,830,940	1,720,335	1,590,861	1,503,783	1,416,693	1,217,078
2,996	12,377	3,509	6,698	2,475	2,632
-	-	-	-	21,473	20,755
789,532	756,690	692,241	666,813	-	-
651,893	618,464	581,143	537,905	531,344	526,337
481,258	441,637	407,321	366,960	-	-
-	-	-	-	125,750	140,987
166,574	159,226	150,447	142,681	132,944	126,116
20	-	610	272	-	-
8,558	7,471	6,454	7,139	6,859	7,059
21,567	21,266	19,891	18,970	18,707	17,852
26,672	25,940	23,986	21,718	15,803	14,519
3,460	3,098	2,572	2,601	2,523	2,432
24,845	24,130	22,442	20,157	17,408	16,519
15,361	14,591	13,185	4,464	4,201	4,040
20,507	18,200	17,277	16,080	-	-
39,433	36,047	36,325	33,269	30,202	28,220
1,194	1,479	898	527	107	620
70,224	52,711	38,654	35,095	26,750	28,863
-	-	-	-	832,629	833,566
244	-	-	-	-	-
2,800	3,102	2,535	3,852	2,410	2,356
198,387	250,968	254,962	201,708	173,073	32,555
-	-	196,000	19,400	32,650	-
5,611	-	-	-	-	-
57,811	98,464	88,614	54,384	57,081	53,238
\$ 4,724,371	\$ 4,534,433	\$ 4,390,453	\$ 3,913,915	\$ 3,646,872	\$ 3,249,859
38.8%	37.9%	36.2%	38.4%	38.8%	37.5%
16.7	16.7	15.8	17.0	-	-
13.8	13.6	13.2	13.7	14.6	16.2
10.2	9.7	9.3	9.4	-	-
6.3	5.7	5.3	5.2	4.9	4.8
4.2	5.5	5.8	5.2	4.7	1.0
-	-	4.5	-	-	-
3.5	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.9
-	-	-	-	22.8	25.6
-	-	-	-	3.4	4.3
1.5	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.9
5.0	6.2	5.6	6.6	6.5	5.8
100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STATE EMPLOYEES  
BY FUNCTION, AND AVERAGE MONTHLY SALARY  
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2000-01</b>	<b>1999-00</b>	<b>1998-99</b>
General Government	2,422	2,409	2,422	2,411
Business, Community, and Consumer Affairs	2,334	2,284	2,290	2,311
Education	31,887	31,165	29,463	28,774
Health and Rehabilitation	3,766	3,668	3,726	3,784
Justice	11,437	11,100	10,542	9,730
Natural Resources	1,453	1,395	1,397	1,372
Social Assistance	1,610	1,570	1,530	1,514
Transportation	3,065	3,048	3,015	3,025
<b>TOTAL FTE</b>	<b>57,974</b>	<b>56,639</b>	<b>54,385</b>	<b>52,921</b>
TOTAL CLASSIFIED FTE	32,092	31,510	30,866	30,157
AVERAGE MONTHLY SALARY	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,491	\$ 3,364	\$ 3,232
TOTAL NON-CLASSIFIED FTE	25,884	25,127	23,519	22,764
AVERAGE MONTHLY SALARY	\$ 4,562	\$ 4,353	\$ 4,387	\$ 4,216

Classified employees are those holding positions within the State Personnel System. Non-classified employees are excluded from the State Personnel System and are not subject to the rule-making authority of the State Personnel Director. Non-classified positions are found primarily in the Judicial Branch, the Legislative Branch, the Governor's cabinet and office staff, the Department of Law, the Department of Education, and as administrators and faculty in the Department of Higher Education.

1997-98	1996-97	1995-96	1994-95	1993-94	1992-93
2,375	2,371	2,333	2,300	2,297	2,420
2,337	2,303	2,267	2,265	2,276	2,238
28,203	27,522	26,862	26,216	26,327	25,864
3,797	3,771	4,043	4,292	4,216	4,179
9,020	8,468	8,140	7,785	7,534	7,123
1,351	1,339	1,337	1,337	1,307	1,281
1,479	1,432	1,138	1,056	1,269	1,259
3,053	3,068	3,103	3,092	3,095	3,061
51,615	50,274	49,223	48,343	48,321	47,425
29,470	28,839	28,483	28,131	28,172	27,763
\$ 3,091	\$ 3,027	\$ 2,954	\$ 2,877	\$ 2,686	\$ 2,666
22,145	21,435	20,740	20,212	20,149	19,662
\$ 4,100	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,935	\$ 3,825	\$ 3,586	\$ 3,539

FTE is an acronym for Full-Time Equivalent employee. Employees on the state's payroll system are designated as either full-time or part-time. Each full-time employee was counted as one FTE. For each state agency, the average salary for full-time employees was divided into the part-time employee payroll amount to determine the FTE for part-time employees.

### REVENUE BOND COVERAGE 1993 to 2002

(Amounts in Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Gross Revenue	Direct Operating Expense	Net Revenue Available For Debt Service	Debt Service Requirements			Coverage
				Principal	Interest	Total	
Governmental Funds: Transportation Revenue Anticipation Notes							
2001-02	\$ 66,813	\$ -	\$ 66,813	\$ 5,070	\$ 61,743	\$ 66,813	1.00
2000-01	33,792	-	33,792	1,850	31,942	33,792	1.00
Enterprise Funds: State Fair and Colorado Student Obligation Bonding Authority							
2001-02	\$ 689,085	\$ 357,841	\$ 331,245	\$ 42,224	\$ 38,720	\$ 80,944	4.09
2000-01	166,092	59,185	106,907	30,212	37,482	67,694	1.58
Higher Education Facilities							
2001-02	\$ 508,615	\$ 311,778	\$ 196,837	\$ 17,390	\$ 18,876	\$ 36,266	5.43
2000-01	508,892	369,334	139,558	22,263	16,459	38,722	3.60
1999-00	552,417	399,148	153,269	17,585	18,026	35,611	4.30
1998-99	395,699	274,163	121,536	16,280	18,307	34,588	3.51
1997-98	367,883	253,538	114,344	16,060	18,926	34,986	3.27
1996-97	346,355	237,948	108,407	13,745	17,434	31,179	3.48
1995-96	320,347	219,994	100,353	11,460	15,790	27,250	3.68
1994-95	248,013	155,592	92,421	10,645	17,728	28,373	3.26
1993-94	221,535	134,380	87,155	7,241	16,210	23,451	3.72
1992-93	211,715	129,403	82,312	6,111	13,286	19,397	4.24

### COLORADO SALES AND CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARMING AND RANCHING 1993 to 2002

(Amounts in Billions)

Year	Retail Sales	Wholesale Sales	Farm and Ranch Cash Receipts
2002 est	\$ 61.7	\$ 38.4	4.97
2001 est	59.4	36.8	4.99
2000	58.2	35.7	5.00
1999	52.2	33.5	4.70
1998	48.1	31.3	4.62
1997	45.2	28.3	4.39
1996	42.6	26.5	4.34
1995	40.0	28.7	4.24
1994	38.1	25.6	4.23
1993	34.2	22.0	4.40

Retail sales based on SIC Codes 52-59.

Wholesale sales include only those sales reported on sales tax reports.

Source: Colorado Department of Revenue, Colorado Agricultural Statistics Services, and the Colorado Business/Economic Outlook Committee.

**VALUE OF TOTAL CONSTRUCTION  
IN COLORADO BY TYPE  
1993 TO 2002**

(Amounts in Millions)

Year	Residential	Non- Residential	Non- Building	Total
2002 est	\$ 5,400	\$ 2,300	\$ 1,350	\$ 9,050
2001 est	6,400	2,900	1,450	10,750
2000	7,029	3,244	1,712	11,985
1999	6,229	3,602	1,576	11,407
1998	5,486	2,554	1,377	9,417
1997	4,775	3,274	1,145	9,194
1996	4,599	2,544	834	7,977
1995	3,633	1,957	879	6,469
1994	3,896	1,585	974	6,455
1993	3,325	1,682	1,073	6,080

Source: F.W. Dodge Company, the Colorado Contractors Association, and the Colorado Business/Economic Outlook Committee.

**COLORADO FINANCIAL INSTITUTION DEPOSITS AND  
LIFE INSURANCE SALES  
1993 TO 2002**

(Amounts in Millions)

Year	Life Insurance Sales	Bank Deposits	Savings & Loan Deposits	Credit Union Deposits	Total Deposits
2002 est	\$ 36,000	\$ 38,500	\$ 900	\$ 9,211	\$ 48,611
2001 est	33,000	38,000	888	8,373	47,261
2000	29,930	37,315	877	7,345	45,537
1999	24,281	33,813	868	6,858	41,539
1998	22,800	33,534	783	6,622	40,939
1997	19,816	33,374	1,943	6,470	41,787
1996	18,576	34,937	1,986	5,970	42,893
1995	17,175	33,005	2,141	5,670	40,816
1994	17,043	32,316	1,961	5,133	39,410
1993	16,385	29,729	1,867	5,139	36,735

Source: Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, American Council of Life Insurance, Inc. Colorado Credit Union League, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and the Colorado Business/Economic Outlook Committee.

### COLORADO DEMOGRAPHIC DATA 1993 TO 2002

Year	Population (000)	% of U.S. Population	Per Capita Personal Income	% of U.S. Per Capita Income	Employ- ment (000)	Unemploy- ment %
2002 est	4,496	1.57%	36,554	113.7%	2,296	4.2%
2001 est	4,418	1.55	35,411	112.9	2,283	3.4
2000	4,325	1.53	32,949	111.0	2,213	2.7
1999	4,215	1.55	31,546	110.5	2,198	2.9
1998	4,095	1.52	29,860	109.3	2,155	3.8
1997	3,981	1.49	27,950	108.0	2,080	3.3
1996	3,880	1.46	25,627	104.0	2,005	4.2
1995	3,782	1.44	24,304	103.1	2,000	4.2
1994	3,689	1.42	23,019	101.9	1,917	4.2
1993	3,588	1.39	22,117	101.8	1,801	5.3

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, and the Colorado Business/Economic Outlook Committee.

### COLORADO EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY 1993-2002

(Amounts in Thousands)

Industry	2002 est	2001 est	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
Agriculture	25.0	25.2	25.5	25.7	26.0	26.3	26.0	27.1	23.9	21.3
Mining	13.6	13.6	12.9	13.0	14.2	14.0	13.7	14.8	15.6	16.1
Construction	153.0	163.0	162.6	147.0	132.6	119.0	111.0	102.1	97.1	86.0
Manufacturing	200.7	200.9	205.6	204.6	207.4	204.0	197.1	192.4	190.9	188.1
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	134.0	138.9	145.2	139.7	130.2	123.8	121.1	117.5	108.3	104.3
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	144.3	142.3	142.1	140.8	135.7	127.4	119.0	113.4	111.1	106.2
Trade	541.2	535.8	525.0	507.1	491.7	480.1	465.9	453.3	429.5	404.0
Services	709.8	697.1	681.4	651.3	622.8	595.5	563.8	537.2	504.1	469.4
Government	356.1	350.6	340.2	328.4	322.2	315.6	308.7	303.7	299.3	296.7
Total	2,277.7	2,267.4	2,240.5	2,157.6	2,082.8	2,005.7	1,926.3	1,861.5	1,779.8	1,692.1

Excludes nonagricultural self-employed, unpaid family, and domestic workers.

Source: Colorado Division of Employment and the Colorado Business/Economic Outlook Committee.

## OTHER COLORADO FACTS

### Important Dates

- 1803 The United States purchases land, including what is now most of eastern Colorado, from France in the Louisiana Purchase.
- 1806 Lt. Zebulon M. Pike and a small party of U.S. soldiers sent to explore the southwestern boundary of the Louisiana Purchase discover the peak that bears his name but fail in their effort to climb it. However, they do reach the headwaters of the Arkansas River near Leadville.
- 1848 By the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, Mexico cedes to the United States most of that part of Colorado not acquired by the Louisiana Purchase.
- 1858 Gold is discovered along Cherry Creek near the present day Denver.
- 1861 Congress establishes the Colorado Territory with the boundaries of the present state and chooses its name from the Spanish word for “colored red.” President Lincoln appoints William Gilpin as the first territorial governor. The State Supreme Court is organized. The first assembly meets and creates 17 counties, authorizes the university, and selects Colorado City as the territorial capital.
- 1867 Denver established as permanent seat of the territorial government by the legislature meeting in Golden.
- 1870 The Denver Pacific Railroad is completed to Denver.
- 1876 Colorado is admitted to the Union as the 38<sup>th</sup> state. John L. Routt is elected the first governor.
- 1877 The University of Colorado opens classes at Boulder with two teachers and forty-four students.
- 1894 The State Capitol Building is completed at a cost of \$2.5 million. Colorado becomes the second state, after Wyoming, to extend suffrage to women.
- 1906 The U.S. Mint at Denver issues its first coins.
- 1958 The U.S. Air Force Academy’s permanent campus opens near Colorado Springs.

### Geography

Area: 104,247 square miles.

Highest Elevation: Mt Elbert – 14,431 feet above sea level.

Lowest Elevation: Along the Arkansas River in Powers County, 3,350 feet above sea level.

Colorado has the highest average elevation of all fifty states at 6800 feet above sea level.

**State Motto** - Nil Sine Numine - Nothing Without the Deity

**State Animal** - Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep

**State Bird** - Lark Bunting

**State Fish** - Greenback Cutthroat Trout

**State Tree** - Colorado Blue Spruce

**State Flower** - White and Lavender Columbine

**State Mineral** - Rhodochrosite

